

# **Inside Wallops**

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### Focus Day is May 21

To help employees prepare for the previously announced upcoming changes at Wallops, the Facility will hold its first "Focus on Our Future Day" on May 21.

Center Director Joe Rothenberg said, "This day is designed to provide the opportunity to learn about the change process to ensure that the Goddard community can continue to excel in our goal of acheiving our vision." Greenbelt is holding similar activities on May 20.

The keynote speaker for the day is Loretta LaRoche. She is an internationally recognized speaker in the area of stress management who emphasizes the importance of balancing humor with daily living experiences. Several of her presentations have been shown on PBS.

All employees, civil service and contractors, are encouraged to attend the various activities throughout the day. Employees should have received in the mail a "coupon" from Mr. Rothenberg allowing up to four hours off from your normal activities to participate in the day's events. If you did not receive one, contact the Public Affairs Office at x1584.

#### Schedule of Events

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N-159 Hangar	<b>Monthly Morning Coffee</b>
	Booths: Educational Institutions Wallops Tenants NASA Customers Employee Services
N-159 Hangar	Welcome: Joe Rothenberg Keynote Speaker: Loretta LaRoche
N-159 Hanger	Booths
E-2	Seminar: New Rules for Managing Your Career
F-3	Seminar: Strategies for Career and Developmental Planning
D-10	Fitness Facility Open House Demonstrations Include: Aerobics Massage Therapy Herbal Medicine Acupuncture Reiki
F-3	Seminar: The Learning Decision
F-6	Managers Seminar: Embracing an Uncertain Future
E-2	Financial Planning
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#### Successful Flights

A NASA sounding rocket and a scientific balloon mission were recently successfully conducted at the White Sands Missile Range, NM, and Fairbanks, AK.

The Fairbanks scientific balloon flight on April 30 carried a payload to obtain stratospheric profiles of trace gases measured by ADEOS TOMS, IMG and ILAS instruments for validation. The payload was recovered. The principal investigator was Dr. Wesley Traub from the Smithsonian Astrophysics Observatory.

A Black Brant IX sounding rocket carrying a high energy astrophysics payload was launched from White Sands on May 2. The payload was recovered. The principal investigator was Dr. Gordon Garmire from Penn State University and project coordinator was Frank Lau (Code 832).

#### Daughters Visit Wallops

The "Take Our Daughters to Work" day on April 24 was the most successful ever with more than 60 girls participating.

This year's national theme was "Five Years of Work Toward a Lifetime of Achievement" and was intended to focus attention on how mentoring relationships and exposure to the work world help girls maintain their confidence and resillence during adolescence.

Sponsored locally by the NASA and AEGIS Federal Women's Program Committees (FWP), the day's events were full and varied. After welcomes by NASA and Navy officials, the girls participated in a video conference with girls at the Naval Surface Weapons Center in Crane, IN. Following a tour of AEGIS and lunch, the girls participated in a panel discussion consisting of female role models with interesting careers in various fields, including Caroline Massey (Code 218).

The girls toured NASA where they had an opportunity to simulate a rocket mission in the Range Control Center and had a hands on demonstration of the Internet. The day ended with the girls spending some time with their sponsors at their jobs.

The FWP wishes to thank all participants and NASA and NAVY personnel for helping the girls realize that the future is theirs for the taking.

#### Weather Summary

by Jim Buchanan, Meteorologist

April showers should certainly bring more May flowers. The total rainfall for April was 2.94 inches which is slightly more than normal. There were 11 days when measurable rain fell with the greatest amount (.89 inch) in a 24 hour period recorded over a two day span on April 27 and 28. Old Man Winter even tried to retain a grip by giving us a trace of snow on April 1.

Temperatures for April averaged slightly cooler than normal with daytime highs averaging 60.8 degrees, normal is 62.4 degrees. Nighttime lows averaged 43.3 degrees, normal is 43.7 degrees. The monthly average temperature of 52 degrees was down by one degree. There were no new record temperatures for the month, even though temperatures dipped below freezing on April 10 with a reading of 31 degrees. April 4 was the warmest day with temperatures reaching 77 degrees.

Thanks to a couple of strong frontal systems and a nor'easter, there were four times that the winds exceeded 40 mph with the strongest winds of 47 mph reached on April 23. There were only four days when maximum winds were below 20 mph.

June is typically one of our most comfortable months. The average daily temperature is 71 degrees. Temperatures as high as 96 degrees and as low as 40 degrees have been recorded, so extremes are still possible. There is usually a total of approximately 3.12 inches of measurable rainfall on an average of eight days during the month.

Keep in mind that the hurricane season official begins on June 1 and lasts until November 1. Historical records indicate that August and September are the prime months for hurricanes to affect the Eastern Shore. Now is the time to make preliminary emergency preparations and get familiar with an evacuation route. Let's have a safe hurricane season.

#### Just-in Time Demonstration

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 22 Bldg. F-3

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Jeanne Frank, local artist, author, instructor at Wor Wic Community College and lecturer at Del Tech was the guest speaker for the Wallops Secretarial/Clerical Reception.

Photo by Tom Burton.

#### National Secretaries Week

Several Wallops secretaries, clericals and their supervisors attended the annual Goddard Secretarial/Clerical Luncheon held April 22 at Martin's Crossroads, Greenbelt, Md.

Congratulations are extended to Catherine Donnelly, Code 200; Lisa Ward, Code 800; and Amy Taylor, Code 833 who received awards.

The Bay Shore Chapter of Professional Secretaries International sponsored a Secretary Appreciation Day April 23 at the Green Hill Yacht & Country Club, Quantico, Md. which was attended by 24 secretaries and clericals from Wallops.

The Federal Women's Program sponsored the annual Wallops Secretarial and Clerical Reception April 25. Keith Koehler, Code 130, welcomed approximately 60 guests.

Bernard Pagliaro, Code 200, recognized Catherine Donnelly and Arnold Torres, Code 800, recognized Lisa Ward and Amy Taylor for receiving awards at the Goddard Secretarial/ Clerical Luncheon.

Guest speaker, Jeanne Frank, chose the topic "You are What You Think You Are". She expressed the need "to focus, refocus, and keep on, like an artist, shaping and creating oneself."

## Medical Support for Employees on International Travel

In an effort to maintain employee safety and deliver high quality emergency medical care when necessary to employees on international travel, NASA has instituted a new contract with International SOS Assistance INC. (SOS). SOS will provide services, during a medical or personal emergency to civil servants and contractors engaged in official NASA business.

SOS provides medical service in remote areas of the world through a network of multilingual staff trained to help resolve travel, medical, legal and security problems.

Services range from telephone advice and referrals to full-scale medical evacuations. Services are not limited to medical problems. An employee can call at any time and for any of the following services.

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-translation and interpreters

Prior to international travel call the Health Unit, x 1336, to receive an SOS ACCESS card and an ACCESS service guide.

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